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- 1. SECRETARY OF AIRCRAFT ENGINE EMISSION STUDY GROUP HAS SENT MEMO NO. 18 TO SG MEMBERS DATED AUGUST 24 RE "FOURTH MEETING" OF AEESG. IT CIRCULATED AS DISCUSSED IN REFTEL B, POINTS OUT THAT RECOMMENDATION IN PAPER "NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE ACCEPTED BY THE ANC WHO COULD PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE ACTION INVOLVING THE WORK OF GROUP, POINTS OUT THAT "NEXT REPORT TO ANC WILL DISCUSS WHAT ACTION IS NEEDED REGARDING HIGH ALTITUDE EMISSIONS" AND STATES THAT "THE SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT THE FUTURE FORM OF AEESG IS CLOSELY RELATED TO NEED FOR ACTION ON SUBJECT OF HIGH ALTITUDE EMISSIONS. IT IS HOPED THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS TOPIC OUTSIDE AEESG WILL HAVE TAKEN PLACE BEFORE THE FOURTH MEETING AND CAN BE REPORTED ON TO GROUP THEN."
- 2. DIRECTOR ANB/ICAO NEMEREVER (US) CALLED ON USREP 8/30 TO EXPLAIN TO USREP WHERE THINGS STOOD REGARDING HIGH ALTITUDE POLLUTION PROBLEM. HE RETURNED YESTERDAY FROM GENEVA MEETING ON USEP PLANS FOR OZONE CONFERENCE, WHERE, HE SAID, HE WAS A "VERY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT" ON BEHALF OF ICAO. HE TOLD USREP THAT UNEP AND WMO WERE PROCEEDING WITH THE MONITORING AND ASSESSING OF THE UPPER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATMOSPHERE AND THAT UNTIL A DETERMINATION WAS MADE BY THEM THAT A

PROBLEM EXISTS THERE WAS NOTHING MUCH ICAO COULD BECOME INVOLVED IN

- 3. NEMEREVER WAS (EMOTIONALLY) OPPOSED TO UPGRADING STUDY GROUP TO A PANEL AND REMINDED USREP POINTEDLY THAT THE SECRETARIAT (AND THE US) WERE TRADITIONALLY OPPOSED TO PROLIFERATION OF PANELS. WHEN USREP POINTED OUT THAT AEESG ITSELF HAD RECOMMENDED PANEL STATUS HE REPLIED "SO WHAT." USREP THEN INDICATED THAT IF SG'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING STATUS WAS IGNORED BY SECRETARIAT, PERHAPS OTHER FINDINGS WOULD ALSO BE IGNORED. WHEN NEMEREVER ACCUSED US OF "NOT TRUSTING COMMISSION" USREP POINTED OUT THAT WE DO AND THAT'S WHY WE FAVOR A PANEL SO THAT REPORTS WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO COMMISSION FOR APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION. (A SG IS ADVISORY TO SECRETARIAT ONLY, AND ITS REPORT MIGHT NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY.)
- 4. NEMEREVER SAID THAT US WAS REPRESENTED IN GENEVA AND WAS A PARTY TO DEVELOPMENTS THERE. HOWEVER HE SAID THAT A DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL (LONG) "HEADED THE DEL" BUT APPARENTLY WAS THERE ONLY IN INTEREST OF ARRANGING US HOSTSHIP OF THE OZONE CONFERENCE RATHER THAN PARTICIPATING IN SUBSTANCE OF MEETING. THE OTHER 2 REPS WERE FROM USMISSION/GENEVA. NEMEREVER SAID THAT THEY HAD ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION THAT AEESG OF ICAO CONSISTED OF GOVERNMENT REPS AND THAT US MEMBER OF THAT SG HAS FORMALLY ADVISED ICAO OF THE US/UK/FR TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.
- 5. A) USREP WOULD LIKE TO BE APPRISED OF WHAT TRANSPIRED IN GENEVA THAT HAS A BEARING ON REFTEL A AND THE INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED WITH A COORDINATED PROPOSAL TO ICAO. (B) DOES DEPT WISH US TO ADVISE ICAO OFFICIALLY/FORMALLY OF THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT RE MONITORING THE STRATOSPHERE?
- 6. FYI: NEMEREVER INDICATED THAT THERE WAS PROCEDURAL CONFUSION WITH RESPECT TO CALLING OF NEXT MEETING OF UNEP. HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THERE WAS A PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF SECRETARIAT EXPERTS FROM THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THEN THERE WAS REFERENCE TO EXPERTS SPEAKING IN BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, ULTIMATELY THERE SEEMED TO BE UNDERSTANDING THAT EITHER (A) EXPERTS INVITED WOULD COME WITH GOVERNMENT POSITIONS OR (B) GOVERNMENTS INVITED WOULD SEND HIGHLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS PREPARED TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPMENTS BUT STILL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENTS.

7. IN THIS REGARD AND WITH RESPECT TO ON-GOING ICAO WORK, USREP WISHES CALL ATTENTION TO ICAO COUNCIL MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING, 69TH SESSION, 2/3/70 (DOC 8874-C/991), PAGES 45-64, WHICH CREATED COUNCIL'S CTE ON AIRCRAFT NOISE (FIRST TECHNICAL CTE OF COUNCIL). SHOULD DEPT WISH TO RESUME CONSIDERATION OF A CTE, THE COUNCIL'S DELIBERATION IN CREATING CAN SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND: MEMBERS

DO NOT "PRESENT THE VIEWS OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIONS", BUT "REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIONS." (PANEL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE "BEST AVAILABLE EXPERTS" (REF: DOC 7984/2 ESP PARA 1, 4 &5).

 $8.\,$ UNLESS THERE IS SOME URGENCY USREP WISHES DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WHILE ON CONSULTATION SEPT. 9-10. HARPER

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